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## BORDER STATION MEMO

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TO: ALL BORDER STATION PERSONNEL

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SUBJECT: Wal-Mart Produce and Cut Flower Shipments

Currently, Wal-Mart does not have grocery distribution centers in California and their stores will be stocked with produce shipped from Casa Grande, AZ and McCarren, NV. Wal-Mart has worked extensively with CDFA to facilitate the movement of produce into their stores. This has resulted in a somewhat streamlined process as outlined below:

### Approved Commodity List

- Wal-Mart and CDFA have agreed on an approved commodity list of produce and cut flowers approved for shipment under this process.
- This list will be posted on our extranet site and used to determine how individual commodities will be handled when shipped to Wal-Mart stores.
- The list includes the approved commodity name, origin, and any special handling (i.e., certification needed and sampling requirements) needed.
- Each Wal-Mart shipment entering shall have a bill-of-lading listing all produce and cut flowers shipped, with origins and amounts.
- The commodities on the bill-of-lading should be checked against the approved commodity list.
- Commodities that are on the list and do not indicate any certification or sampling requirements may be released without inspection (see below for handling commodities with sampling or certification requirements).
- Commodities not on the list must be fully presented for inspection, and should be rejected if they are not accessible, are infested with pests, or do not meet quarantine requirements.

### Commodities Requiring Sampling

- If the list indicates that a commodity shipped must be sampled, a full carton of that commodity will be on the rear of the trailer for inspection.
- The sample must be in the original shipping container to maintain commodity identity.
- Samples should be inspected according to pest of concern (i.e., commodities that are hosts of internal feeding pests should be cut; commodities that are only hosts of surface feeding pests should be examined and replaced on the trailer).
- If no pests or other discrepancies are found in the sample, there will be no need to inspect other like commodities on the same shipment.

## **Commodities Requiring Certification**

### **Shipments from McCarren, NV**

Wal-Mart has entered into a compliance agreement with CDFA and the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA). Under this agreement, NDA inspectors will check to ensure that commodities on the approved list meet all California quarantine certification requirements. Shipments from this facility must be accompanied by a compliance agreement certificate and may be released without additional quarantine certification after any required sampling is performed.

### **Shipments from Casa Grande, AZ**

Currently, there is no compliance agreement with the Arizona Department of Agriculture to inspect the Wal-Mart facility in Casa Grande. Commodities listed as requiring certification must be accompanied by a copy of the original bill of lading (showing shipment to the Casa Grande facility) and any required certification (from the origin state to the Casa Grande facility).

If any discrepancies are found with Wal-Mart shipments or questions arise regarding this memo, contact your Plant Quarantine Officer.